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APPLICANT: Eijiro WATANABE et al. CONF.: 4405
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 29, 2002, the due date for Reply having been extended three (3) months to February 28, 2003, by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully presented.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 10, and 14 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Three Times Amended) A nucleic acid isolated from a plant comprising a nucleotide sequence coding for an amino

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